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1. AS OF LATE SEPTEMBER 1973 [REDACTED] THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) CONSIDERED THE MILITARY JUNTA TO BE LESS UNIFIED THAN IT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY. THEY BELIEVED THAT GENERAL

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GUSTAVO EIGH CONTINUES TO BE THE STRONG HAN OF THE JUNTA, AND THAT HE IS A VIGOROUS CHAMPION OF A HARD-LINE MILITARY GOVERNMENT, FAVORING RETENTION OF POWER BY THE MILITARY FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD AND FAVORING DIRECTIONS WHICH THE PDC VIEWS AS BEING ALONG THE LINES OF A CORPORATE STATE; THE PDC LEADERS ALSO CONSIDER THAT JUNTA PRESIDENT GENERAL AUGUSTO PINOCHET AND JUNTA MEMBER GENERAL CESAR HENRÍQUEZ A FAVOR A SOFT-LINE GOVERNMENT, AND THAT ADMIRAL JOSE MERINO FLUCTUATES BETWEEN SUPPORTING THESE TWO SEPARATE PHILOSOPHIES.

2. GENERAL HENRÍQUEZ WAS SENT A MESSAGE THROUGH A MEDIUM-LEVEL PDC MEMBER REQUESTING A MEETING WITH PATRICIO AYLWIN, PDC PRESIDENT. GENERAL PINOCHET ALSO HAS INDICATED TO THE PDC THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH AYLWIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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THAT THE SUSPENSION OF ALL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WOULD OFFICIALLY BE DECLARED IN THE NEAR-FUTURE, AND HE SAID THAT ALL POLITICAL PARTIES WOULD HAVE TO

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DISHANTLE AND CLOSE THEIR PARTY OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.
COMMENT: THE **PDC** IS IN THE PROCESS OF TRANSFERRING
PROPERTIES REGISTERED IN THE **NAME** OF THE PARTY TO PRIVATE
INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE **PDC MEMBERS** OR **SYMPATHIZERS**. PARTY LEADERS
ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE **FATE** OF RADIO **BALMACEIDA** IN SANTIAGO,
WHICH IS REGISTERED IN THE **NAME OF THE PDC** AND IS WIDELY KNOWN
TO BE OWNED BY THE PARTY. **HOWEVER, MANY** OF THE OTHER **PDC MEDIA**
AND PROPAGANDA INSTRUMENTS HAVE BEEN IN THE **NAMES** OF PRIVATE
INDIVIDUALS SINCE YELL **BEFORE THE 11 SEPTEMBER COUP**. THESE
INCLUDE **"LA PRENSA,"** THE PARTY NEWSPAPER, AND **"RADIO COOPERATIVA,"**
THE **PDC'S OTHER MAJOR RADIO STATION IN SANTIAGO.**

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